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News Release

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Durham Public Art Committee Now Accepting Applications

April 9 Application Deadline

DURHAM, N.C. – If you have a love of art and want to contribute to public art works coming to Durham, this committee could be just the right fit for you.

The Durham Cultural Advisory Board's Public Art Committee is now accepting <u>online applications</u> until Monday, April 9, 2018. The Public Art Committee advises the Cultural Advisory Board on commissioned public art works and works offered for donation to the City of Durham.

The committee is comprised of 13 appointed members, including up to three students from high schools or schools of higher learning. Members serve three-year terms and may be reappointed for a second term. Members serve without compensation, and must reside or work within the city limits and actively contribute to the cultural and economic sectors.

"We are entering our most exciting year yet for public art in Durham," says Chris Ogden, chair of the Public Art Committee. "The committee is looking for good people to learn, laugh, and grow with us as we make Durham a more wonderful place to live and visit through public art."

The Durham Public Art committee meets monthly every third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Durham Arts Council. For more information about member expectations, visit the <u>Public Art Committee webpage</u>. Click <u>here</u> to access the online application.

For more information about the City's Public Art Program, the Public Art Committee, and the application process contact Senior Economic Development Coordinator Brian Smith with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965, ext. 15205 or by <a href="mailto:email: email: emai

About the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u>, the <u>Office of Economic and Workforce Development</u> helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs.

About the City of Durham Public Art Committee

The <u>Public Art Committee</u> serves as an advisory body to the Durham City Council and the City Manager, and its functions include assisting the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development on matters relating to public art; implementation of the Public Art Policy; and reviewing proposals for public art projects brought to it by the City administration; and making

recommendations to the <u>Cultural Advisory Board</u> regarding project approvals.

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